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Argentina, Australia,* Austria,* Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Chile,* Colombia,* Cyprus,* Denmark,* Ecuador,* Estonia, Finland,* Germany, Greece,* Guatemala,* Iceland,* Italy,* Mexico, New Zealand,* Norway,* Panama,* Paraguay, Peru,* Philippines,* Poland:* draft resolution

30/... Human rights and indigenous peoples

The Human Rights Council,

Recalling all Commission on Human Rights and Human Rights Council resolutions on human rights and indigenous peoples,

Recalling also the adoption by the General Assembly of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in its resolution 61/295 of 13 September 2007,

Welcoming the thirtieth anniversary of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples in 2015, and acknowledging the decades of its substantive work to facilitate the direct and meaningful participation of indigenous peoples within the United Nations, the Human Rights Council and the human rights treaty bodies, also in the light of this important anniversary,

Recognizing the importance to indigenous peoples of revitalizing, using, developing and transmitting their histories, languages, oral traditions, philosophies, writing systems and literatures to future generations, and designating and retaining their own names for communities, places and persons,

Welcoming the study by the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples on the promotion and protection of the rights of indigenous peoples with respect to their cultural heritage, including through their participation in political and public life, submitted to the Human Rights Council at its thirtieth session,[1] and encouraging all parties to consider the examples of good practices and recommendations included in the study as practical

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[1] A/HRC/30/53.

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advice on how to attain the end goals of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,

Stressing the need to pay particular attention to the rights and special needs of indigenous women, children, youth, elders and persons with disabilities, as set out in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,

Recalling the commitment to consider, at the seventieth session of the General Assembly, ways to enable the participation of indigenous peoples' representatives and institutions in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them,[2] including any specific proposals made by the Secretary-General in his report,[3]

Recognizing the twenty-sixth anniversary of the adoption by the International Labour Organization of the Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No.169) and its contribution to the promotion and protection of the rights of indigenous peoples,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the rights of indigenous peoples,[4] and requests the High Commissioner to continue to submit to the Human Rights Council an annual report on the rights of indigenous peoples containing information on relevant developments in human rights bodies and mechanisms and the activities undertaken by the Office of the High Commissioner at Headquarters and in the field that contribute to the promotion of, respect for and the full application of the provisions of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and follow-up on the effectiveness of the Declaration;

2. *Also welcomes* the work of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, including the official visits made and her reports, and encourages all Governments to respond favourably to her requests for visits;

3. *Requests* the Special Rapporteur to report on the implementation of her mandate to the General Assembly at its seventieth session;

4. *Welcomes* the work of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, takes note with appreciation of the report on its eighth session,[5] and encourages States to continue to participate in and contribute to its discussions, including by their national specialized bodies and institutions;

5. *Requests* the Expert Mechanism to prepare a study, to be finalized by its ninth session, on the right to health and indigenous peoples with a focus on children and youth, and to present it to the Human Rights Council at its thirty-third session;

6. *Also requests* the Expert Mechanism to continue to undertake, with the assistance of the Office of the High Commissioner, the questionnaire survey to seek the views of States and indigenous peoples on best practices regarding possible appropriate measures and implementation strategies in order to attain the end goals of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, with a view to completing a final summary of responses for presentation to the Human Rights Council at its thirty-third session, and encourages States and indigenous peoples that have not yet provided their responses to do so, as well as those States and indigenous peoples that have already responded to the questionnaire survey to update their responses as appropriate;

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[2] See General Assembly resolution 69/2.

[3] See A/70/84-E/2015/76.

[4] A/HRC/30/25.

[5] A/HRC/30/52.

7. *Welcomes* the adoption by the General Assembly of resolution 69/2, containing the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples;

8. *Also welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples;[1]

9. *Decides* to hold, at its thirty-third session, a half-day panel discussion on the causes and consequences of violence against indigenous women and girls, including those with disabilities;

10. *Welcomes* the ongoing cooperation and coordination among the Special Rapporteur, the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and the Expert Mechanism, and their permanent effort to promote the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, including the follow-up to the World Conference of Indigenous Peoples, and invites them to continue to work in close cooperation with all Human Rights Council mechanisms, within their respective mandates;

11. *Reaffirms* that the United Nations treaty bodies are important mechanisms for the promotion and protection of human rights, and encourages States to give serious consideration to their recommendations regarding indigenous peoples;

12. *Welcomes* the contribution of the universal periodic review to the realization of the rights of indigenous peoples, encourages effective follow-up to accepted review recommendations concerning indigenous peoples, and invites States to include, as appropriate, information on the situation of the rights of indigenous peoples, including measures taken to pursue the objectives of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples during the universal period review;

13. *Encourages* those States that have not yet ratified or acceded to the Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169) of the International Labour Organization or that have not yet supported the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to consider doing so;

14. *Welcomes* the increased support by States for the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and encourages States that have endorsed it to adopt measures to pursue its objectives in consultations and cooperation with indigenous peoples;

15. *Encourages* States to give due consideration to all the rights of indigenous peoples in fulfilling the commitments undertaken on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and in the elaboration of national programmes;

16. *Welcomes* the role of national human rights institutions established in accordance with the principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (the Paris Principles) in advancing indigenous issues and encourages such institutions to develop and strengthen their capacities to fulfill that role effectively, including with the support of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights;

17. *Takes note* of the activity of the United Nations Indigenous Peoples Partnership and invites States and other potential donors to support it;

18. *Urges* States and invites other public or private actors or institutions, to contribute to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples as an important means of promoting the rights of indigenous peoples worldwide and within the United Nations system;

19. *Decides* to continue the consideration of this question at a future session in conformity with its annual programme of work.